



St. David's United Church
Calgary, Alberta

**Opening Service and
Dedication**

September 29th - October 6th, 1963



- . . . To the effort and executive direction of the members of the building committee;
- . . . To the devotion and sacrifice of the men and women of this Church through whose gifts this Sanctuary has been built;
- . . . To the talent of the architect, the skill of the builder, and the labour of many craftsmen;
- . . . To those outside the congregation who gave of their counsel and help;

— this brochure is dedicated.

The Order of Worship

The Official Opening Ceremony

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th, 1963, at 11:00 A.M.



REV. J. R. COLCLOUGH,
M.A., B.D.

MUSICAL PRELUDE: "Prayer"

—Ralph Federer
Mr. P. G. Murphy

THE CEREMONY OF KNOCKING AT THE DOORS

The President of Conference, The Rev. C. A. S. Elliott, will knock on the main door of the Nave, signifying God's persistence and patience Who ever stands at the door of Life waiting upon Man to hear and welcome Him. After which the congregation will stand and sing—

HYMN: "Ye Gates Lift Up Your Heads
On High"

Then shall the Clerk of Session, Mr. A. Scollon, open the doors and say: "Brethren, in the name of this Congregation, I bid you welcome and humbly request that you come into this Sanctuary to receive the keys and to open it to the Glory of Almighty God."

Then the President shall say, "We beseech Thee, O Lord, graciously enter Thy house and in the hearts of Thy faithful people establish for Thyself an everlasting habitation, that they may be glorified by the indwelling of Him by whose building they live; through Jesus Christ our Lord."

"Peace be to those that enter and to those that go from it."

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Praise My Soul The King of Heaven"

INVOCATION PRAYER:

O Lord Jesus Christ, who openest and no man shutteth: Grant that this house, now opened for thy service, may always be filled with thy presence, and may ever remain a refuge for thy faithful people, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE KEYS (*Congregation seated*)

Standing on the Chancel steps, the architect, Mr. Glen Parsons, shall call upon the contractor to present the keys and shall say, "As one entrusted with the architectural planning of this Sanctuary, I now call upon the contractor, Mr. Nicholas Yurchevich, to bring forward the keys so that this building may be opened to the Glory of God."

The contractor shall say, "As one who gave material form to the plans of the architect, I present the keys of this beautiful edifice to the Chairman of the Building Committee, to the end that it may be used to the service of Christ."

Then shall the Chairman of the Building Committee, Mr. Jack Howie, accept the keys and say,

"The Building Committee has completed its task assigned to it by this congregation. With gratitude we behold this Church, and we rejoice that it is now ready for dedication to the worship of Almighty God. On behalf of the Building Committee, I now present these keys to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees."

The Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Merle Florence, will accept the keys and say,

"On behalf of this congregation, I accept these keys for the Board of Trustees which shall hold this property in sacred trust for the United Church of Canada and St. David's congregation. On behalf of the Board of Trustees I now present these keys to the President of Conference."

The President of Conference, Dr. C. A. S. Elliott, shall receive the keys and place them on the Communion table and lead us in prayer.

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Peace I Leave With You"—*Edwyn A. Clare.*

THE READING OF THE SCRIPTURES: The President of Conference.

HYMN: "The Church's One Foundation."

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER.

SOLO: "My Cathedral"—*W. Blaufuss.*
Mr. Reuben Hamm, *Soloist.*

PRAYER: The Lord's Prayer.

THE SERMON: THE REV. C. A. S. ELLIOTT, B.A., B.D., S.T.M., Ph. D.,
President of the Alberta Conference

HYMN: "Faith Of Our Fathers."

BENEDICTION: The Minister.

THREEFOLD AMEN.

Order of Worship

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th, 1963, 11:00 A.M.

Minister: REV. J. L. PATERSON, B.A., B.D.
Chaplain, University of Alberta, Calgary.

Choir Director, Senior Choir: MRS. J. D. HAY.

Choir Director, Junior Choir: REV. MRS. E. MACK, B.A.

Pianist: MR. P. G. MURPHY.

INTROIT: "Lead Me Lord!"—*S. S. Wesely.*

INVOCATION.

HYMN: "Lead On O King Eternal"—402.

RESPONSIVE READING: — 732.

JUNIOR CHOIR ANTHEM: "Hallelujah."

SCRIPTURE LESSON: — Ephesians 6:10 — 20.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER: — 374.

SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM: "Thy Hand, O God, Has Guided"—*Basil Harwood.*

PRAYER.

SERMON: "Offensive."

HYMN: "Rise Up O Men Of God"—378.

BENEDICTION.

THREEFOLD AMEN.

The Order of Worship

The Dedication of the Sanctuary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th, 1963, 3:00 P.M.



RT. REV. J. R. MUTCHMOR,
B.A., B.D., D.D.

MUSICAL PRELUDE: Mr. P. G. Murphy.

INVOCATION: Rev. Mrs. F. Edna Mack, B.A.

O God, eternal and ever blessed, who delightest in the assembling of Thy people in the sanctuary; receive us graciously as we come into Thy house, and grant, we entreat Thee, that peace and prosperity may be found within its walls, that the glory of God may be the light thereof, and that we may be satisfied with the goodness of Thy house; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

—Amen.

HYMN: "Rejoice The Lord Is King."

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| 1. Rejoice, the Lord is King;
Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks and sing
And triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice; again I say 'Rejoice.' | 2. His Kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice; again I say, 'Rejoice.' |
| 3. Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus, the Judge, shall come,
And take His servants up
To their eternal home;
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
The trump of God shall sound, 'Rejoice.' | |

—Amen.

DEDICATION CEREMONY:

READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.

(At the Pulpit)

CONCERNING PRAYER: John 16:23,24—Mrs. A. Bowering,
(President of the United Church Women).

CONCERNING THE WORD OF GOD AND THE PREACHING OF THE
GOSPEL: Isaiah 55:10, 11 — Rev. J. Paterson, B.A., B.D.

(At the Baptismal Font)

CONCERNING BAPTISM: Matthew 28: 18-20—Mr. P. Nettleton,
(General Superintendent of Sunday School).

(At the Chancel Steps)

CONCERNING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: II Timothy 3: 15-17,

Mr. R. M. Maxwell,
(Chairman of the Christian Education Committee).

CONCERNING MATRIMONY: Matthew 19: 4-6—Mr. L. A. Scollon,
(Clerk of Session).

CONCERNING BURIAL OF THE DEAD: I Thessalonians 4: 13-14,
Mr. A. McBride,
(Chairman of Stewards).

(At the Communion Table)

CONCERNING THE LORD'S SUPPER: I Corinthians 11: 23-26,
Mr. A. J. Bowering,
(Chairman of Worship Committee).

CHOIR ANTHEM: "God The Father, Son, And Spirit."

God the Father, Son, and Spirit, Ever blessed Trinity.
Humbly now our thanks we offer, All unworthy though we be.
Freely Thou has showered blessings, Countless as the ocean's sands,
Blessings rich and over-flowing, On the labours of our hands.
Grant that we Thy Word may cherish And its purity to retain
Lord, unless Thou art the Builder, All our labour is in vain.
Keep us from all pride and boasting, Vanity and foolish trust
Knowing that our work without Thee soon will crumble into dust.
God of grace and love and blessing, Thine alone shall be the praise
Give us hearts to trust Thee truly, Hands to serve Thee all our days.
Lord, bestow Thy future blessing, Till we join the heav'nly host,
There to praise and serve Thee ever, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

THE DEDICATION LITANY — THE REV. J. R. COLCLOUGH, M.A., B.D.

Beloved in the Lord, rejoicing that God has put it into our hearts to build this House to the Glory of His Holy Name, we are here met to consecrate and set it apart for the worship of Almighty God and the instruction in Christian Faith of His people.

(Congregation rises in reverence).

Minister: To the glory of God the Father, Who has called us by His grace; and of His Son, Who loved us and gave Himself for us; and of the Holy Spirit Who illumines and sanctifies us:

People: WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

Minister: For the comfort of all who mourn; for strength to those who are tempted; for light to those who seek the way:

People: WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

Minister: For the hallowing of family life; for teaching and guiding the young; for the upbuilding of all who believe:

People: WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

Minister: For the promotion of righteousness; for the diffusing of Christian truth; for the extension of the Kingdom of God:

People: WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

Minister: In the unity of the faith; in the bond of Christian brotherhood; in charity and good will to all:

People: WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

Minister: In gratitude for the labours of all who so nobly builded and bequeathed us a heritage; for those whose feet no longer tread this earth and those yet with us:

People: WE NOW, THE PEOPLE OF THIS CHURCH AND CONGREGATION, DEDICATE OURSELVES TO THE TASKS BEFORE US AND THE LARGER OPPORTUNITY THAT AWAITS US.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING—

THE RT. REV. J. R. MUTCHMOR, B.A., B.D., D.D.

Accept, O Lord, this service at our hands, and bless it with such success as may most tend to Thy glory and the salvation of Thy people; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. —*Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER — (*Said by all*).

THE DECLARATION OF DEDICATION—

THE RT. REV. J. R. MUTCHMOR, B.A., B.D., D.D.

By the virtue of our sacred office in the Church, we do now declare to be consecrate and set apart from all profane and common uses, this House of God under the name of St. David's United Church; in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. —*Amen.*

May the power and presence of God be with you in all you do for Him in this glorious habitation. —*Amen.*

THE HYMN OF DEDICATION—

1. All things are Thine; no gift have we,
Lord of all gifts, to offer Thee:
And hence with grateful hearts today
Thine own before Thy feet we lay.
2. Thy will was in the builders' thought;
Thy hand unseen amidst us wrought;
Through mortal motive, scheme and plan,
Thy wise eternal purpose ran.
3. No lack Thy perfect fullness knew;
For human needs and longings grew
This house of prayer, this home of rest,
In the fair garden of the West.
4. In weakness and in want we call
On Thee for whom the heavens are small;
Thy glory is Thy children's good,
Thy joy Thy tender Fatherhood.
5. O Father, deign these walls to bless,
Fill with Thy Love their emptiness;
And let their door a gateway be
To lead us from ourselves to Thee.

—*Amen.*

THE CEREMONY OF UNVEILING THE PLAQUE.

(Congregation remain seated)

MR. R. WRAY, *Co-Chairman of the Building Committee.*

THE RT. REV. J. R. MUTCHMOR, B.A., B.D., D.D.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING.

THE DEDICATION SERMON — THE REV. D. H. PARR, B.A., B.D.

(Chairman of Calgary Presbytery).

HYMN:

1. Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.
3. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store:
Take myself, and I will be,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

—Amen.

BENEDICTION—

THREEFOLD AMEN.

CLERGY PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE OF DEDICATION:

THE RT. REV. J. R. MUTCHMOR, B.A., B.D., D.D.,
Moderator of the United Church of Canada

THE REV. D. H. PARR, B.A., B.D.,
Chairman of Calgary Presbytery

THE REV. J. R. COLCLOUGH, M.A., B.D.,
Minister of St. David's United Church

THE REV. J. L. PATERSON, B.A., B.D.,
*Chaplain of the University of Alberta and
Minister in Association with St. David's.*

THE REV. MRS. E. MACK, B.A.,
Minister in Association with St. David's.

History of St. David's United Church

Following a survey of the Capitol Hill area by the Rev. E. Davidge in 1959, the Calgary Presbytery advised that William Aberhart High School would be available to hold church services beginning September 13th, 1959.

Rev. E. Davidge greeted 65 persons at this first worship service. Mr. A. Bowering was pianist; Mr. R. Matthews, usher, and flowers were brought by Mrs. R. J. Williams.

On October 4th the congregation increased to 160 and Sunday School commenced with 66 children and 6 teachers.

A meeting at the home of R. Matthews on October 7th, 1959, elected Mr. L. A. Scollon as Superintendent; Mrs. A. Storey, Secretary, and Mrs. M. Lyall, Treasurer, of the Sunday School.

By Thanksgiving, October 11th, 1959, attendance had increased to 175.

On October 21st, 1959, a nominating committee, consisting of Mr. J. B. Huff, Mr. E. Smith, Mr. A. Scollon, Mr. R. Matthews, and Rev. E. Davidge, met at the home of Mr. E. Smith and secured the names of 17 people willing to sit on an interim board. This board held its first meeting November 5th, 1959.

Fifteen children were baptized and 225 persons were present at our first Baptismal Service on November 29th, 1959.

The church was appropriately decorated for the Christmas Service, December 20th, 1959. Children placed white gifts beneath the tree. An eleven-voice choir, conducted by Mrs. M. Knight, led the singing of Christmas carols. Attendance was about 300.

The choir, of ten members, held practice and a social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hay on January 17th, 1960.

The pulpit, built by Mr. G. Dart, was dedicated on February 28th, 1960, and the pulpit bible was dedicated on March 6th, 1960.

Charter Sunday for St. David's was March 13th, 1960. On this day 129 persons joined as charter members. Rev. W. Ray Ashford, Chairman of Presbytery, officiated at this service.

From several suggested names for our church, the name of St. David's was chosen by the congregation and approved by Presbytery.

Mrs. J. James was elected President of the Women's Federation of St. David's (now United Church Women) on March 1st, 1960.

The first Clerk of Session, Mr. J. B. Huff, was elected March 6th, 1960, and the first regular meeting of the Session was held March 16th, 1960. The Session requested that Communion Sunday be March 20th, 1960.

The inaugural meeting of the Board of Stewards was held March 31st, 1960. Chairman—Mr. R. C. Matthews. Treasurer—Mr. E. Smith.

All major committees having been formed, the first Official Board meeting was held on September 27th, 1960, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Rix.

The first Anniversary Service of St. David's, held March 12th, 1961, was conducted by the Rev. Dr. J. H. Garden of Riverview United Church.

The history outlined above may come to be regarded as "The Former Days."

Through the work of our Pastoral Relations Committee, Rev. J. R. Colclough of Murrayville, B.C. was called—the move being sanctioned by the congregation on April 12th, 1961. Mr. Colclough's duties commenced with St. David's on July 1st, 1961, and with his wife and family occupied the new manse in August, 1961.

July 1st, 1961, the Official Board accepted an offer of 1.5 acres of property then held by Mr. and Mrs. J. James and the work of planning a church building was begun. The present Sanctuary and church offices, located at 2606 - 32nd Avenue N.W., is the result of the energy, zeal and Christian leadership of St. David's congregation in this expanding community.

Officers of St. David's United Church

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REV. J. R. COLCLOUGH, B.A., B.D.

Chairman of Session
Chairman of Official Board

Clerk of Session MR. L. A. SCOLLON
Recording Steward MR. C. PAYNE
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Senior Choir Director MRS. J. D. HAY
Junior Choir Director REV. MRS. M. MACK
Pianist MR. P. G. MURPHY
Church Secretary MRS. A. C. COLLIN

*We welcome to this Dedication Ceremony members of the
Calgary Presbytery, ministers of our sister denominations
in this area, and all those who have come to be present
with us on this memorable occasion.*

